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The United States has been the traditional friend of Poland. We are Poland's friend today. We are continually using our good offices to satisfy Poland's just claims. By exerting our tremendous strength in an association of nations, we can assure to Poland her rightful place in the family of nations.

The whole world owes a debt of gratitude to the people of Poland for the mighty contribution which she has made in the present war. Poland was the first to refuse to do business with Hitler. Undaunted by the overwhelming strength of Hitler's war machine, the brave people of Poland put an end to the appeasement policy of the democracies by which Hitler was gradually obtaining control of Europe. In thus refusing to compromise with Hitler in the fall of 1939, Poland aroused the world to the danger of Hitler's program. In the ensuing thirty-five days the brave people of Poland struggled valiantly against the Nazi war machine. Poland was cut off from her friends and surrounded by



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All the world grieved at the suffering once again visited upon Warsaw in the recent unsuccessful uprising of the underground forces of Poland at Warsaw under General Bor. The record of Poland throughout this war is written in letters of gold. We are determined that democracy will repay that debt in the settlement of the peace, by the restoration of Poland.



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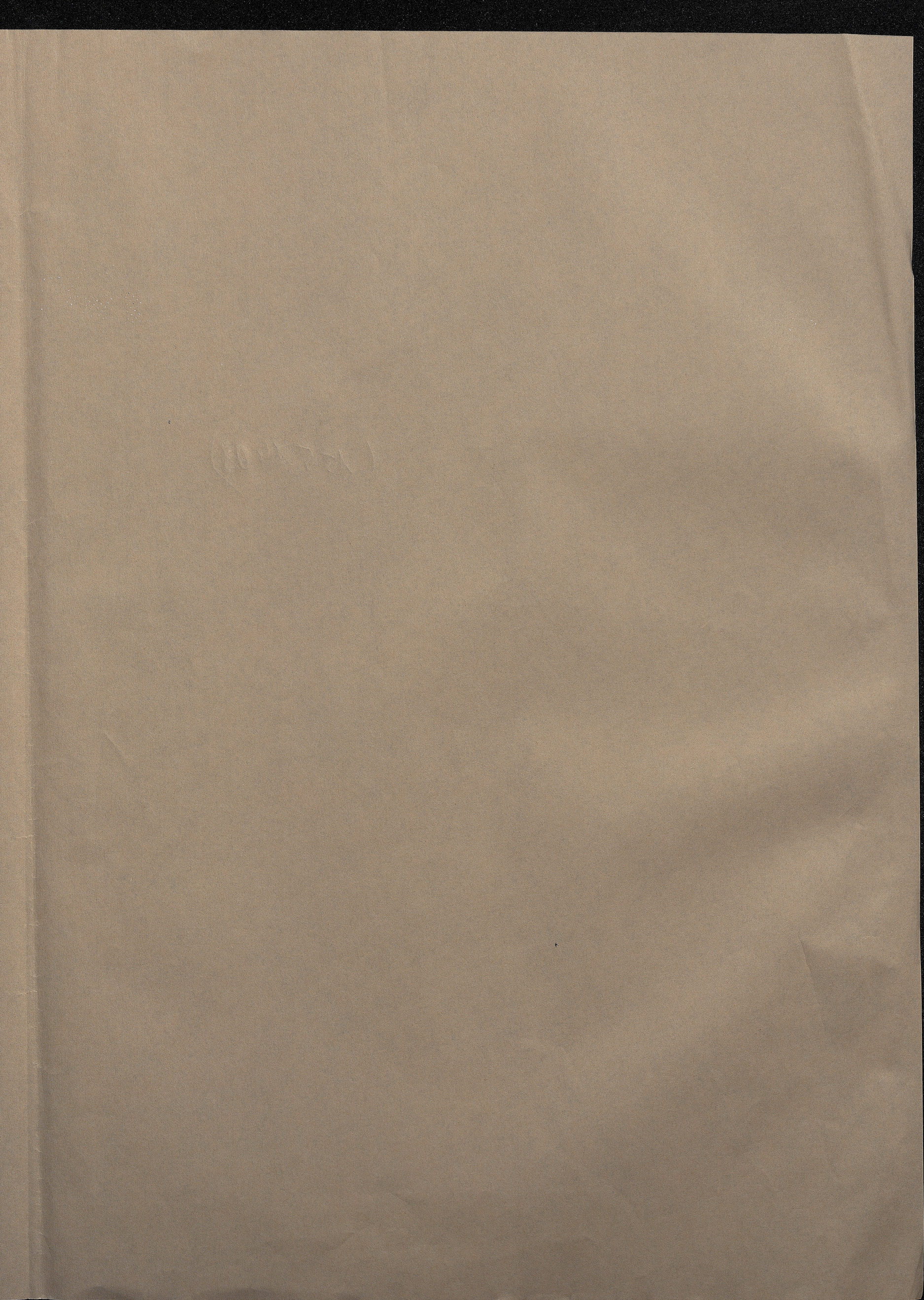
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